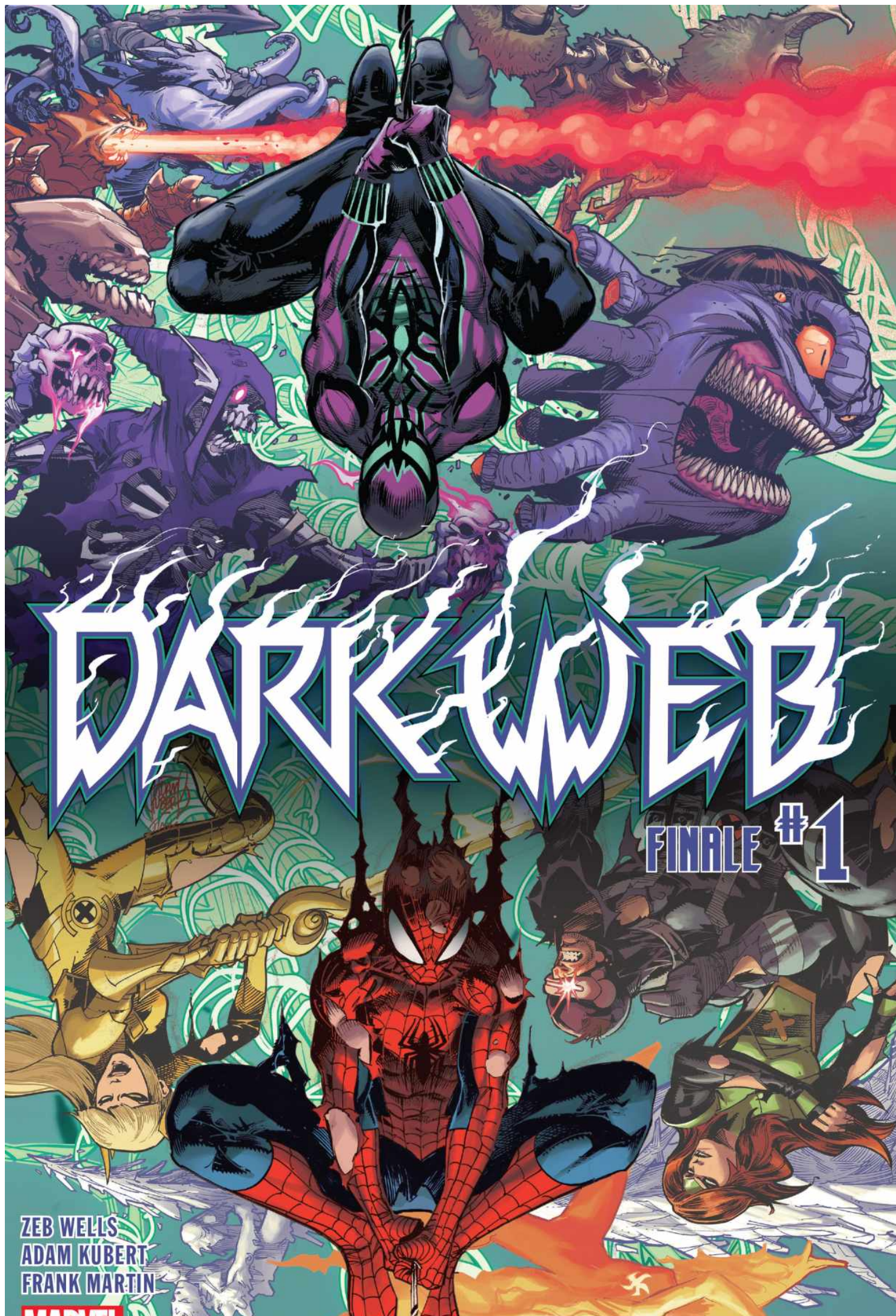




ZEB WELLS  
ADAM KUBERT  
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## MARVEL REMEMBERS



### CARLOS PACHECO 1961-2022

"My friend Carlos Pacheco was a sweetheart of a guy who loved comics, the Marvel comics that he read as a child most of all. He brought an enthusiasm to his work that went beyond the drive of the professional — he was truly invested in the characters and their fictitious lives. His work combined the dynamics of John Byrne with the realism of Neal Adams, creating a synthesis that captured the essence of American super hero comics — a form that was exotic to Carlos as he first read the translated stories but which he absorbed and came to embody like a native. A citizen of Spain, the Marvel Universe was his true home."

— TOM BREVOORT

"Carlos was a dream collaborator who made every story better with his ideas, his brilliant storytelling and his beautiful art. But more, he was warmhearted, enthusiastic and a wonderful person. I was thrilled to work with him but happier still to have him as a friend. He will be enormously missed."

— KURT BUSIEK



**NEW YORK  
CITY.**  
*Current Limbo Annex.*







WE GOT  
EACH OTHER  
THE SAME THING.  
NEW YORK  
CITY.

YOU REALLY  
SHOULDN'T  
HAVE, KING  
CHASM.

HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS,  
HALLOWS'  
EVE.



WHAT'S  
NEXT?



I KNOW  
THIS USUALLY  
HAPPENS AFTER  
THE WAR IS OVER,  
BUT WHAT THE  
HELL...







BEN REILLY, A.K.A. CHASM, and MADELYNE PRYOR, A.K.A. THE GOBLIN QUEEN, are the most maltreated clones ever. They want the lives they were denied, so they recruited EDDIE BROCK, formerly Venom but now BEDLAM, and unleashed the magic of Limbo on New York City, turning everyday objects into horrific demons. SPIDER-MAN, THE X-MEN, and MS. MARVEL stepped up to defend the City That Never Sleeps, but when they were all banished to Limbo, the city slipped into a waking nightmare.

# DARKWEB DAWN

Spider-Man was able to escape Limbo with the help of a bizarre demon Spider-Fan named Rek-Rap. Ms. Marvel escaped in her own badass fashion. THE GOLD GOBLIN, A.K.A. the reformed NORMAN OSBORN, rose to the occasion but got beaten down by Chasm. The X-Men tried something new with the Goblin Queen—mercy. Jean Grey gave Madelyne the memories she'd wanted for so long, but when Madelyne tried to call the attack off, Chasm and his girlfriend, HALLOWS' EVE, stole her monarchical SOUL-SCYTHE, making Chasm the king of Limbo. Yeah, it's a lot. But it's also a lot of AWESOME. Strap in, because it gets even crazier from here on out.

*"IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER"*

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## CAST



BEN REILLY  
CHASM



JANINE GODBE  
HALLOWS' EVE



MADELYNE PRYOR  
GOBLIN QUEEN



PETER PARKER  
SPIDER-MAN



REK-RAP



J. JONAH  
JAMESON



JOE "ROBBIE"  
ROBERTSON



EDDIE BROCK  
BEDLAM



KAMALA KHAN  
MS. MARVEL



NORMAN OSBORN  
GOLD GOBLIN

## X-MEN



CYCLOPS



JEAN GREY



MAGIK



ICEMAN



FIRESTAR



SYNCH



FORGE



HAVOK

## THE INSIDIOUS SIX



DR. OCTOBALL



THE GRAVE  
GOBLIN



RHICERATOPS



KRAKEN  
THE HUNTER



LIZZARO



THE GOREPION



CHASM  
STOLE THE  
SCYTHE OF  
SORROWS AND,  
WITH IT, MY  
THRONE.

HE'S  
MINE!

I'M SORRY,  
DIDN'T YOU  
HELP GET US  
INTO THIS  
MESS?

BEN WANTS  
ME. AND I'M  
GONNA GIVE HIM  
JUST WHAT HE  
WANTS.



YOU GONNA  
WADE INTO  
THIS?

NOT A  
CHANCE.



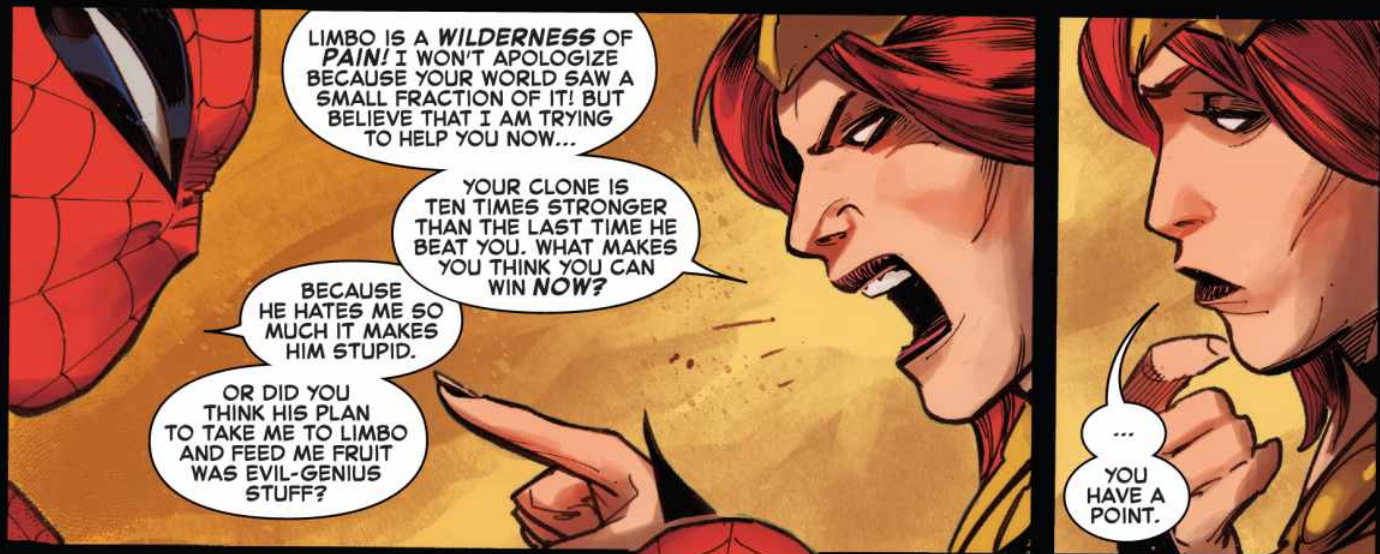
YOU DO NOT WANT TO  
BE ON MY BAD SIDE,  
SPIDER-MAN.

ARE YOU  
SAYING WE'RE  
NOT ON YOUR  
BAD SIDE?!

WHAT SIDE  
ARE WE CURRENTLY  
ON, MADE'YNE?!











MOVE UP!  
MARCH ON  
YOUR NEW  
CITY!

IT'S ALL  
OURS!



DID YOU SEE  
ME? DID I DO  
GOOD?







HI. WE'RE YOUR NEIGHBORS.

CAN YOU KEEP IT DOWN?

THE X-MEN.

AS GOOD A PLACE TO START AS ANY.

INSIDIOUS SIX...KILL THEM.

YES, KING!

WE'LL MAKE A FEAST OF THEIR BLOOD!

YOU HEAR THAT?!

LET'S PUT THESE FREAKS







LOOK!

IT'S HER!

THE  
FALLEN  
QUEEN!

I THINK  
SHE WANTS  
HER SCYTHER  
BACK.



I'M GLAD YOU ACCEPTED  
THE INVITATION TO  
JOIN ME.

AH,  
POOR  
BABY.

I MADE  
MANY MISTAKES  
DURING THE COURSE OF  
THIS MISADVENTURE.  
BUT I HAVE TO  
SAY...

...YOU'RE MY  
FAVORITE.

















YOU FIGHT LIKE ONE WHO DOESN'T KNOW SHE'S PREY!

I'VE HEARD THAT.

YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT A VINE GUN? THEY WORK GREAT!

HEY, MAN, I'LL HEAR THE PITCH LATER-- I'M BUSY.

HNNNGH!

HEE HEE HEE!  
YOU'RE HOT LIKE THE SUN, FIRE GIRL!

THANKS FOR KEEPING MY FOOD WARM FOR ME!

I DON'T GET IT!

ME. I'M HIS FOOD.

OH. STUPID.

HEY!

HAHAHA!

WHAT IS THIS, A BRAIN MASSAGE--?

AAAAEEEEEE!

SCOTT, THIS IS TAKING TOO LONG! THEY'RE HOLDING

AGREED.





I CAN TAKE HIM!

ILLYANA.



FINE!

PLAYTIME'S OVER.

WHA--?

**NO!** YOU LOOKED SO TASTY *yyy!*

GO HUNGRY, FREAK!

WHERE'S ALEX?!







YOUR APPETITE FOR DESTRUCTION IS COPIOUS, BEDLAM, BUT I TRUST YOU'RE SATIATED.

MORE!

MADDIE!



IS THIS GUY BOTHERING YOU?



HA HA HA HA!

DON'T LAUGH AT HIM. HE TRIES.



THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M LAUGHING AT. LOOK.



EVERY DEMON IN LIMBO BEARING DOWN ON US?

YEAH! HA HA HA HA!

YOU HAVE A STRANGE SENSE OF HUMOR.

CROWD-CLEAVE FORMATION, X-MEN!









PETEY-BOY!

STOP SPINNING MY SWEET LITTLE SPIDEY-MAN!

YOU WOULDN'T SHARE YOUR LIFE WITH ME, PETER.

BUT NOW I HAVE YOUR CITY!

YOUR LIFE HAS NO MORE USE.

KIND OF REGRETTING ALL THAT "CHASM IS MINE" TALK.

HURK!

IN THE END...I HAVE EVERYTHING.

AND YOU HAVE NOTHING.

THERE ARE SOME THINGS





LIKE HIS  
FRIENDS.

OH, THANK  
GOD.

I HEARD  
THE DRAMATIC  
ENTRANCE AND I  
WAS **POSITIVE** IT WAS  
GOING TO BE THE  
**AVENGERS**.

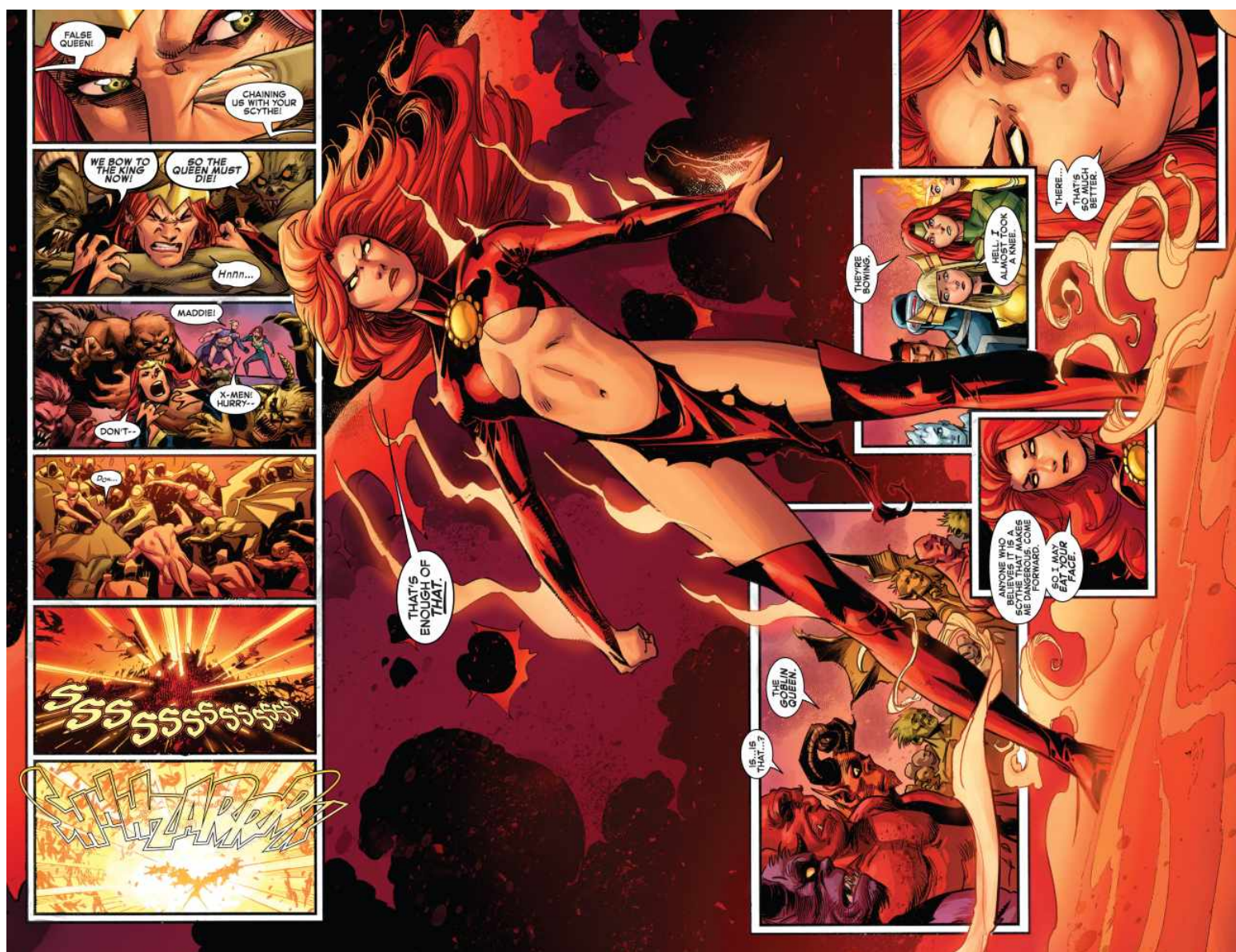
BUT  
IT'S JUST  
TWO LOSERS  
I'VE ALREADY  
DEALT WITH.  
WHEW!

DON'T LOVE HOW  
HE'S TALKING  
ABOUT US, MS.  
MARVEL.

LET'S  
SHUT  
THEM  
UP.

AH, WELL.  
I MIGHT AS  
WELL GET A  
**MEAL** OUT OF  
THE DEAL.









YOU MADE A MISTAKE  
ATTACKING ME,  
REILLY...

"ATTACKING"  
YOU?

I KICKED  
THE #&%&@  
OUT OF  
YOU!

NEVER BEEN MORE  
HAPPY TO SEE  
THOSE PUMPKIN  
BOMBS!

JUST  
"BOMBS,"  
THANKS.

OOH,  
RIGHT...



HSSSSSS!

MISS!  
MISS!

YOUR  
ARMS ARE  
MISSHAPEN AND  
STRETCHING ALL  
OVER THE PLACE,  
MISS!

YEP,  
GOT  
IT...



...THANKS!

POW!



YOU THINK  
YOU'RE THE  
ONLY ONE WITH  
FRIENDS?

ALL  
THE DEMONS OF  
LIMBO ARE AT MY  
COMMAND!

WERE.





ALL THE  
DEMONS OF  
LIMBO WERE  
AT YOUR  
COMMAND.



LET ME GET  
IN HERE BEFORE  
THINGS GET  
CROWDED.

I JUST  
LOVE USING  
THIS THING.



GAAAH!



HOW  
ABOUT WE  
GIVE THIS GUY  
THREE FLAVORS  
OF HURT.

**ZHOOOOOOOOOOOM!**

GAAAH!!









ALL OF YOU!





I SEE YOU,  
BEN REILLY.

I SEE  
YOUR  
PAIN.

AND  
I SEE YOU  
HAVE TO BE  
STOPPED.

AMEN.

HURK!

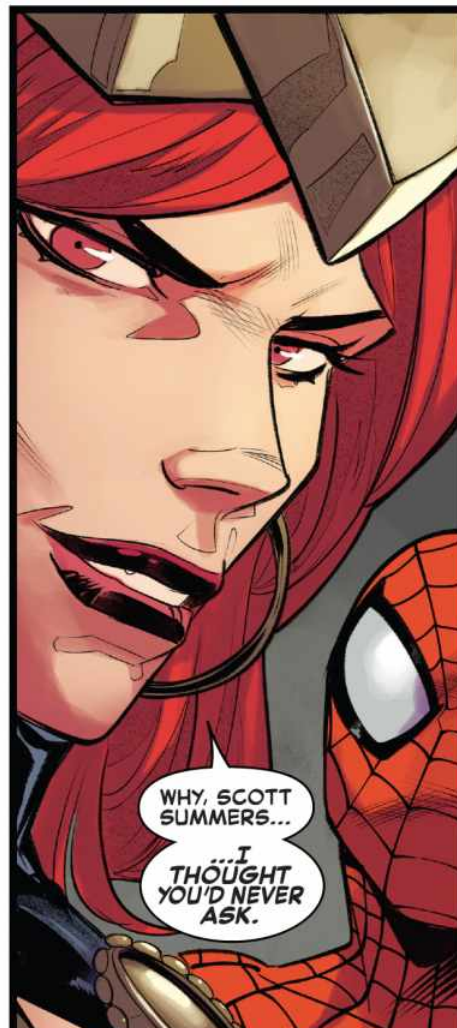
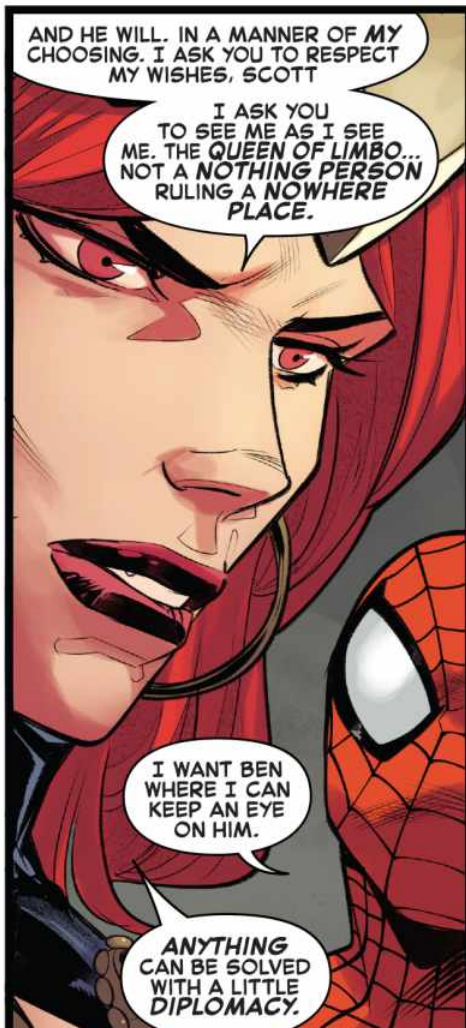
THAT'S  
BETTER.

GUH...  
GUH...

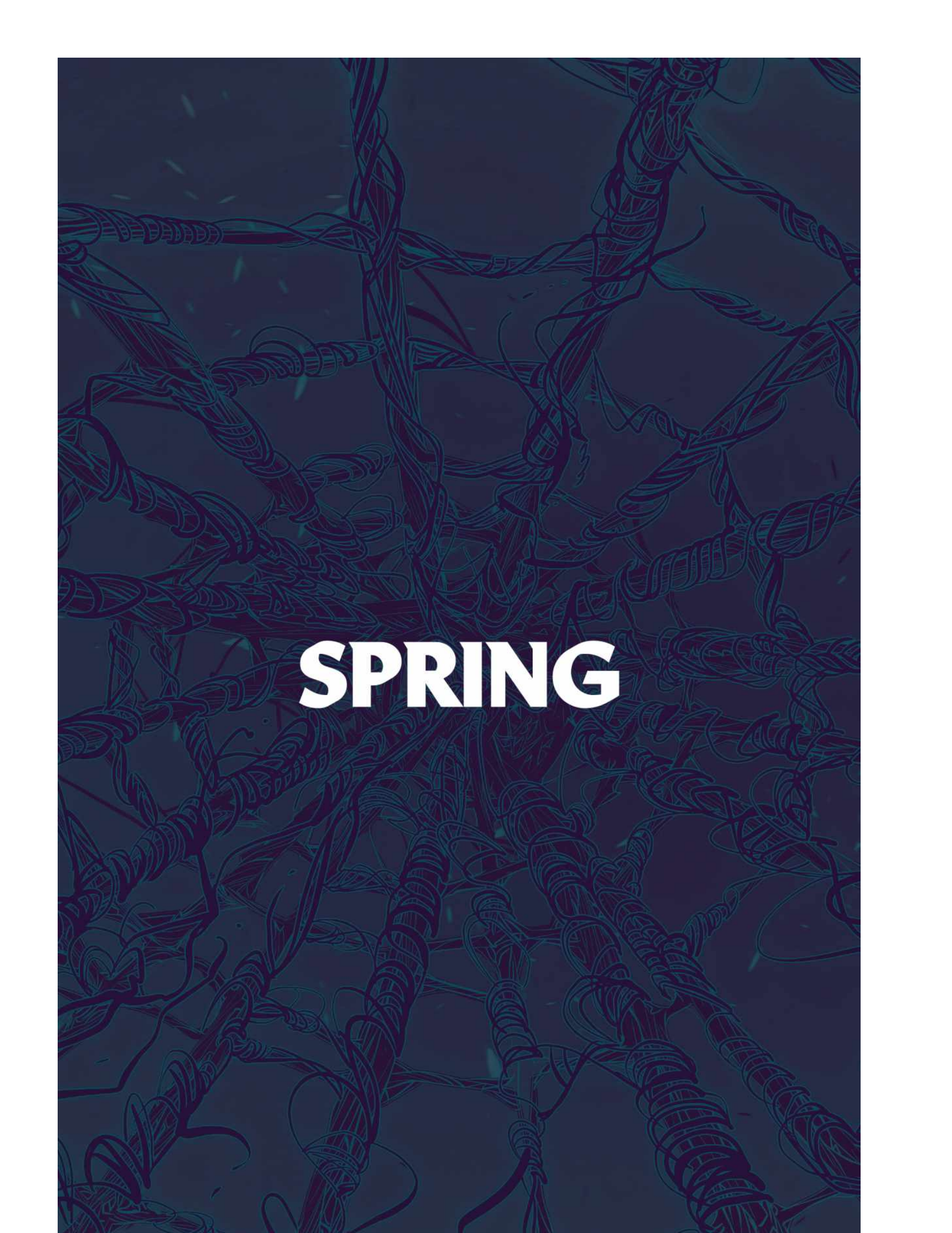
I...I'M SORRY,  
BEN. YOU  
LEFT US NO  
CHOICE.

I NEED  
A TRANSPORT  
TEAM. WE'RE  
TAKING CHASM



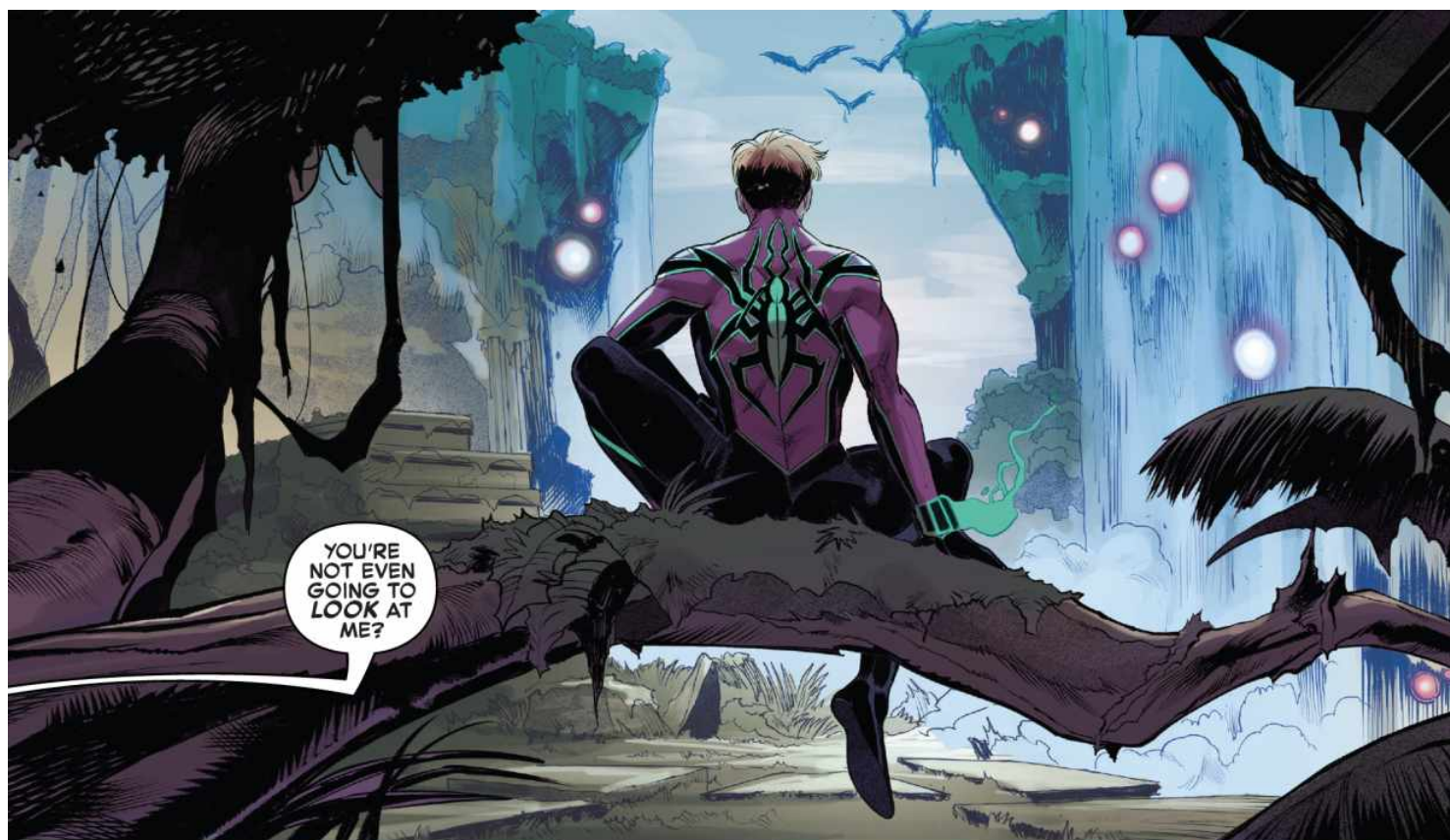






**SPRING**





YOU'RE NOT EVEN GOING TO LOOK AT ME?



I'VE BEEN RUNNING MYSELF RAGGED CLEANING UP YOUR MESS--I STILL HAVEN'T FOUND JANINE OR MY DEMONIC SUPER-FAN--

--BUT I STILL WANT TO KNOW YOU'RE OKAY.

OH, AND YOU HAD TO COME SO FAR TO DO IT.  
BRAVO, *REAL* SPIDER-MAN. BRAVO.



I WANT TO HELP YOU. EVEN IF THEY'VE GOT YOU TRAPPED IN THIS PLACE. BUT GIVE ME SOMETHING.  
LET ME KNOW THERE'S STILL SOME BEN REILLY IN THERE.



TIME'S UP!





I'M SORRY, BUT WE DO HAVE RULES HERE.

NOT MY IDEA, BUT I HAD TO GIVE THEM SOMETHING.

SEEMS NICE IN THERE.

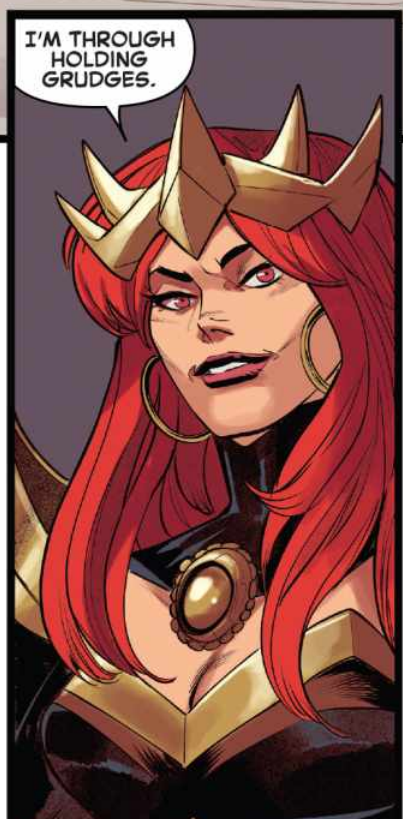
THE DEMONS I ASKED TO DEVISE HIS CELL HAD... **CONFUSED IDEAS ABOUT WHAT CONSTITUTED TORTURE.**

I MADE SURE OF IT.



YOU'RE BEING VERY KIND.

BEN FULLY CONFESSED TO LEADING THE ATTACK ON NEW YORK CITY. HIS REPENTANCE SHOULD BE REWARDED.



I'M THROUGH HOLDING GRUDGES.



MADDIE, SCOTT AND JEAN ARE HERE.

MADELYNE WHEN I'M WORKING, ALEX.

OH, RIGHT.

I TRUST YOU CAN SEE YOURSELF HOME.

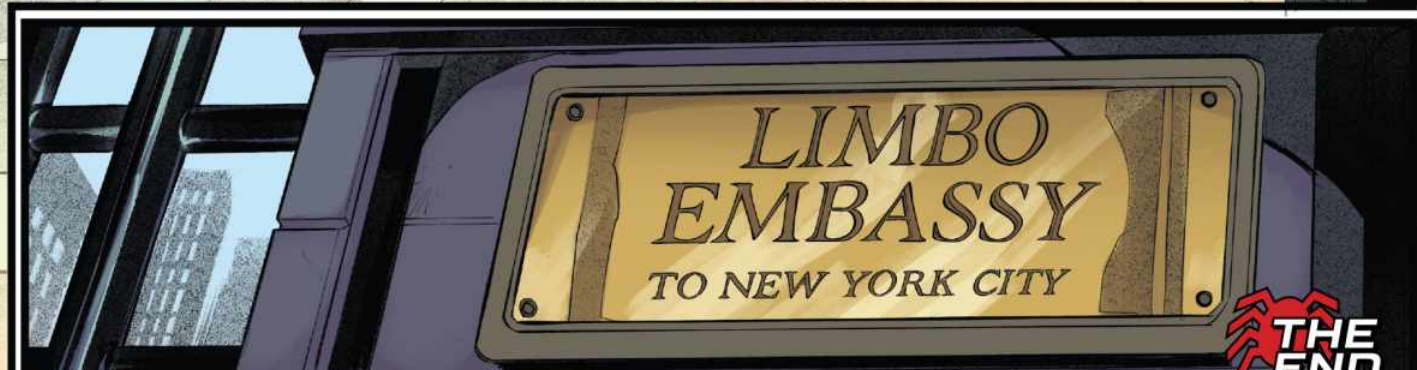
YEAH, OF COURSE.

I KNOW THE AREA.











**NO, DARK WEB-HEADS!!! THAT'S NOT HOW THAT'S SUPPOSED TO END!!! I, ALBERT BANASZAK, SPIDER-EDITOR AND CLONE OF NICK LOWE, DIDN'T APPROVE ANY OF THAT!!!**

But I did, Albert.

**WHAT?! NICK?! Why are you wearing sunglasses? And how did you get out of that inescapable binding?! That's impossible!!!**

Yes, for me, it was. But my wife got tired of this bit and let me out. [takes off sunglasses] Now it's time for me to let YOU out.

**KRAK WAA-EE MONCH MONCH CRASH**

Ow. That should do it. Time to go back to your delightful life in De Pere working nights at Seroogy's, Al.

**Yow, those were some mildly mean slaps, Nick. I WILL go back to my lovely town and great job making the best confections in the whole world, but I'm not going to forget this. WATCH YOUR BACK, LOWE!**

That's physically impossible without the use of a mirror, Banaszak. Have a safe flight.

**ANYWAY, HEY THERE, WEB-HEADS!** Did you miss me? I missed you! Whew! So, I was walking through Times Square, whistling, of course, and I found myself face-to-face with...ME. Only more physically fit (if you can imagine), sporting a stylish hairdo and a cool puffy jacket... We talked a little bit and ended up singing a quick rendition of "Ebony and Ivory" but as "Ivory and Ivory," then laughed at ourselves for a while. It was great. I invited him home for dinner with the family, and as we were walking in the door, I felt a blunt object against the back of my head! Out cold. I woke up however many hours later, with a little headache but better rested than I have been since the birth of my eldest child. It was a nice break for a few days (I came up with some even better parody lyrics for "Ivory and Ivory"), but then I got a little bored (and stiff from being

strapped to this crazy sci-fi chair). I tried to free myself, but, frankly, I'm not very strong? Finally, my wife and kids found me, and she used her She-Hulkian strength to free me, and here we are.

I got back just in time to talk Zeb out of the shocking ending where King Chasm killed Spider-Man and the X-Men and Venom and Pierce Brosnan (for some reason?). I think Zeb preferred Albert. Had to shed a few tears about that. And here we **ACTUALLY** are. Whew. What a roller-coaster ride! Anyway, as I write this, **DARK WEB #1** has **JUST** come out, and the letters have started pouring in! Here are the few we have room for!

I'm in awe!!! **DARK WEB #1** was a jam-packed issue, and I can't wait to see how the story unfolds. I'm hoping for a great resolution where we get to see Ben back in the light again--he's been through so much!

So excited to see more, and thank you so much to the team!!!

Carlos

**Thank YOU, Carlos! Feels great to be back taking credit for others' work!**

Hello!

Thank you for such an incredible comic book in **DARK WEB #1**. I was excited for this from the start, but my expectations have been shattered. This was a wonderful issue that set the stage for a wild ride. The story, characters, and art blew me away. I've only been reading comics for about a year and a half, so I haven't encountered too many crossovers yet. I look forward to following every issue in this one.

Thanks again,  
Mitch from Phoenix, AZ

**Thanks for the kind words, Mitch! Always good to see new readers joining the web! The stuff we have coming up should continue to bring in more and more awesome readers**

like you, Mitch. Next week, we kick off a special two-part story by the guest creative team of **JOE KELLY** and **TERRY** and **RACHEL DODSON**. They're taking Peter and Felicia for a dangerous spin and giving Zeb, Johnny, and Ed a quick breather. But don't think that means **YOU** get a breather, fair reader, as you're going to see some pretty special developments in **ASM #19-20!** After that, it's the moment you've all been waiting for. The story we've promised since #1... **WHAT HAPPENED WITH PETER AND MARY JANE?! WHERE DID PAUL COME FROM?! HOW DID THOSE KIDS GET HERE?! WTH(eck) IS HAPPENING?!** The answers and so much more is found in **ASM #21-26!!!**

And that's just **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!** Over in **VENOM**, Al and Ram welcome **CAFU** and his incredible art skills to the craziest book in comics, and it's only getting crazier! **Gerry Duggan** and **Stefano Caselli** kick butt on **X-MEN**, while the other X-Books teach you about the **SINS OF SINISTER!** **MARY JANE & BLACK CAT #3** continues the two best ladies in comics' adventure, because no one told them **DARK WEB** was over! **Norman Osborn** knows **DARK WEB** is over, but that just means that he has a new world of hurt coming at the hands of **Queen Goblin!!!** And did you hear that **Hallows' Eve HAS HER OWN BOOK COMING UP?** That's right, **HALLOWS' EVE #1** kicks off next month from **ERICA SCHULTZ** and **MICHAEL DOWLING!!!** If that's not enough for you, **Alex Pakandell & Jan Bazaldua** are launching **RED GOBLIN #1** next week!!! You don't want to miss **ANY** of this!

Okay, have to go rebuild my life! You should see the mold in my fridge. Though I have to say, this Greenpoint apartment is pretty swanky, and you can't beat the proximity to my favorite kielbasa butcher. Better put my sunglasses back on and pick up some dinner on the way back. You know, in the end, this wasn't such a bad experience!

**KEEP THWIPPIN'!**  
Nick Lowe  
TRUE Spider-Editor  
En route to Astoria, NY



# DARK WEB

SPINS ON...

NEXT:



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- ▶ DARK WEB: DUSK
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- ▶ DARK WEB: FINALE #1

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